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Regional Human Services Levy Oversight Board (RHSLOB)

Meeting Summary

March 16, 2011, 2-4 p.m.

Ballard Library

5614 22nd Ave. NW, Seattle 98107

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Loran Lichty at 2:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Kathy Brasch, Kathy Hadaller, Loran Lichty, Donald Moreland, David Ramsay, Kate Slaminko

Board Members Excused/Absent: Dorry Elias-Garcia, Edith Loyer Nelson

County Staff Present: Debora Gay, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Laird Heia, DCHS; Jon Hoskins, DCHS; Marcy Kubbs, DCHS; Anna Markee, DCHS; Rachel Quinn, PHSKC; Janna Wilson, PHSKC

Guests: Doug Hoople

Review of Meeting Summary

The February 16, 2011 RHSLOB meeting summary was approved as written.

Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions

Loran welcomed Rachel Quinn and Janna Wilson from Public Health - Seattle & King County who are here to present an update to the 5.8a Partnership for Health Improvement through Shared Information (PHISI) Initiative.

Procurement Plan – PHISI

History

In fall 2009, the VHS Levy Oversight Boards approved a \$480,000 Procurement Plan and allocated \$480,000 for a project to establish “health information exchange” (HIE) capabilities in King County. The initiative’s goal is focused on improving the health of low-income, vulnerable residents by making it easier for authorized care providers to share information electronically. Using technology to help improve the coordination of health care – across primary care clinics, hospitals, mental health and substance abuse

programs, and other health services can improve access to other services, prevent serious illness and help reduce duplication of efforts.

This first phase involved determining the level of interest in working on a health information exchange in the community, what approach would be most valuable and to whom. PHISI staff talked with many stakeholders, convened the “PHISI Board” which operates under the auspices of the Foundation for Health Care Quality and developed to subcommittees under the board, a clinical committee and a technology committee.

After establishing implementation goals came the decision of what to start work on first. A topic that everyone agreed was important was medications. The PHISI Business Plan, includes the detail of how the team arrived at this recommendation as a place to start work on the exchange and coordination.

Phase Two Proposal

The PHISI Board is requesting the release of the remaining \$340,000 associated with this procurement plan for two activities: implementing the medication coordination initiative, and carrying out a veteran’s shared care plan pilot project.

Budget

	PHISI Business Plan Implementation	Veteran’s “Shared Care Plan” Pilot	Total
Funding	<u>\$176,000</u> <u>\$135,000</u> From Human Services Levy <u>\$41,000</u> From Veterans Levy (20% of the \$205,000 available under the Veterans Levy funding)	<u>\$164,000</u> This is 80% of the \$205,000 available under Veterans Levy.	<u>= 340,000</u>

Budget Explanation

1. **PHISI Project Management and Medication Coordination Initiative.** A total of \$176,000 would be used to pay for project management staff to implement the medication coordination initiative. Of this, \$135,000 would be from Human Services Levy and \$41,000 from the Veterans Levy. Using some Veterans Levy funding is reasonable as veterans are among the overall population that would benefit from this initiative. Approximately \$1-2 million is needed to carry out the project and the Levy-funded project management would also be responsible for securing those funds.
2. **Veterans Shared Care Plan Pilot.** A total of \$164,000 of Veterans Levy funds would be used for a “shared care plan” pilot. The PHISI Project Manager would be responsible for the Veterans Shared Care Plan pilot. This pilot would involve working with a group of veterans to support their use of a web-based “personal health record.” This concept was developed through discussions with the VA Puget Sound Health System and Dr. Paul Nichol who is an active member of the PHISI Board. The VA indicated that the best way for it to begin participation in a safety net HIE would be to provide data directly to a patient, and encourage their sharing it electronically into a shared care plan. The patient would then control the

data, and could designate what specific data can be seen by whom. A Shared Care Plan pilot is currently underway at Harborview's mental health program which will help inform the veteran's pilot project.

Discussion

The board asked questions about how information would be shared in the veterans' pilot project, what might be learned about sharing information electronically from coordination among the State Department of Social and Health Services systems and what best practices models PHISI might be able to learn from.

The RHSLOB approved the release of funds for Phase Two of the PHISI project but requested that by the end of April 2011, PHSKC provide Levy staff the following additional information:

1. Timeline, budget and plan for reaching Phase Two milestones
2. Plan for 2012 use of funds if the project is delayed.

Levy Renewal

Loran and Kathy briefed the board on the Levy Renewal Steering Committee they attended on March 9, 2011. Debora indicated that the King County Council's Regional Policy Committee (RPC) took action, sending both ordinances to the King County Council's Budget and Fiscal Management Committee that will meet in April.

County Executive Meeting

Board members have been invited to meet with Executive Constantine on March 25, 2011 to share their thoughts on levy renewal. The board chairs will represent the voice of each board as a whole but it was suggested members be prepared to discuss an aspect of the levy that they are particularly pleased about with the Executive.

Board Letter of Recommendation

Board members reviewed the draft letter to the Executive prepared by Levy staff. The board members requested some changes and staff indicated a revised letter will be sent out that incorporates their feedback as well as that provided by VCLOB members at their board meeting.

Chair's Report - None

Staff Report

- The first bi-annual report is in its final stages of completion. The report includes data from July - December 2010.
- The 2010 Annual Report is under development.
- Marcy received information from the King County Board of Ethics on how the code of ethics affects board and commission member activities around campaign activities. According to the Board of Ethics, board members "are encouraged to take part in the political process on their own time using their own resources – and not representing the county; board and commission members, as a group or individual member. They may not represent a county opinion in this way unless they are authorized to do so within their enabling legislation. Board members requested staff provide talking points on key areas of the levy so they can speak accurately and consistently on the issues.

Old Business

None to report.

New Business

None to report.

Petitions/Communications (Public Comment)

None to report.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.